

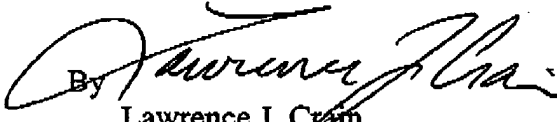
**REMARKS**

Examiner Lee is thanked for the courtesies extended to the undersigned during the September 7, 2004 telephone discussions, regarding the above-identified application. As a result of those discussions and to obtain examination of claims 17-21 along with those of claims 1-15, Applicants have withdrawn claim 16 and amended claims 17, 18 and 21 so that the respective sub-combination components are examined with the combination. Applicants respectively submit that the sub-combination claims 17, 18, and 21 are directed to separate components. The combination elements are introduced for environment purposes, and do not form part of the claimed invention.

In the event there are further issues prior to examination which may be addressed by telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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